Lessons from a Careers in Psychology Course:
Teaching Students to See-and Articulate-the Value in Their Liberal Arts Degree

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Recommended Resources
(snap a pic of the QR code or click on the code for a hyperlink)

Vocation as a vehicle for career development

“Career vs Vocation: Are You Doing Work That Matters? Jeff Hick’s medium.com blog post is a thought-provoking starting place for students thinking about the role of vocation in exploring careers.

“Holy Grit! The Effects of Purpose Exploration Programming on Undergraduate Engagement and Life Trajectories.” This article appeared as a part of the AACU’s Liberal Education journal in 2014. Clydesdale later published a book which is referenced in the article and which further details his experiences with the Lily Foundation’s Vocation initiative.

Great starting places for the exploring psychology student

I find What Can I Do With This Major to be a quick, powerful tool in conversations with students who believe (or have been told) that they shouldn’t major in psychology because they will not be able to find a job. It’s a simple tool and a great place to start that shows a range of possibilities without overwhelming students. It often generates ideas that provide structure for exploring within O*Net and similar career search databases.

I find this guide to careers in psychology by the American Psychological Association to be most useful for students considering PhD study. It does a great job of realistically laying out career opportunities and highlighting the importance of research training.

What can I do with my bachelor’s in psychology?

This new site by APA is the holy grail for bachelor’s level career development in psychology. It includes tips for career exploration, clear steps for progression, and up to date profiles and data on the options available.